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AMENDMENT UNDER ARTICLE 34

Sirs:

A. The amendments to the description and claims:

(1) In the Description, on line 19 of page 1 the terms "(textural relevance)." are amended to -(textual relevance). As an example, in EP-A-741364(Xerox Corp.) disclosed a method of selecting key phrases from a machine readable document by (a) generating from the document a multiplicity of candidate phrases (units of more than one word), followed by (b) selecting as key phrases a subset of the candidate phrases.--

(2) In Claim 1, on lines 9, 11 and 16 of page 47 the terms "each text unit" are amended to - each pair of text units -.

(3) In claim 1, on line 17 of page 47 the passage "order to form a final score for each text unit." is amended to -order to form a final score for each pair of text units to determine how many times any string is shared between each pair of text units and other text units.--